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### Georgia Public Service Commission Votes on Release of Utility Scale RFP For the Georgia Power Advanced Solar Initiative Program

ATLANTA, May 10, 2013—This week, the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) took the next step in solar energy development in Georgia by voting unanimously for Georgia Power Company to solicit bids for 60 MWs of solar generation to go on line in 2015.

The Commission approved Georgia Power Company's (Georgia Power) 2013 Request for Proposals (RFP) for Solar Photovoltaic Generation and the associated Pro Forma Georgia Power Advanced Solar Initiative Utility Scale Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) that was filed with the Commission on April 25, 2013, as amended by Commission Staff. As part of Georgia Power's Advanced Solar Initiative (GPASI), Georgia Power is seeking to acquire 60 MWs of Utility Scale solar resources, located in Georgia, to begin service on January 1, 2015.

Utility Scale projects are between 1 MW and 20 MWs in size and the bid price is capped at \$0.12 per kWh. According to the Commission timeline the Utility Scale RFP approved on May 7th will be released to bidders on May 10, 2013, with bids due June 4, 2013. For more details see: <https://gpscim.accionpower.com>.

Georgia Power will repeat the Utility Scale RFP process again in 2014 for an additional 60 MWs of solar capacity with a commercial operation date of January 1, 2016. These Utility Scale projects for 120 MWs are part of the GPASI program that will add a total of 210 MWs of solar power to Georgia Power's generation mix over the next few years. The balance will be 90 MWs of distributed solar generation from Small Scale projects (each up to 100 kW) and Medium Scale projects (from 100 kW to 1 MW).

"This vote by the commission shows that good things come to those who wait," said Echols. "These utility scale projects add an enormous amount of renewable energy to our mix for years to come without increasing rates." Chairman Chuck Eaton stated, "The price of solar has dropped dramatically over the last few years and because Georgia has been cost-driven to prevent higher

electric rates, rather than ideologically-driven, we are paying 75% less than 'early-adopter' states.'

For more information on Georgia Power's Advanced Solar Initiative, go to the Commission website, [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us), and search for Docket Number 36325.

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